



**November 14, 2025**

**Thank you for signing up to learn more about this project. This newsletter will serve as a resource for project details, relevant stories, and ways to stay engaged. Check out the information below and stay tuned for more.**

## **Project Updates**

### **SEAP+ Implementation**

The first step of SEAP+ Implementation has started! The SEAP+ details the why and the what - Why is the SEAP+ important? What does the data say? What are the City of Charlotte's new goals? What components are needed to achieve those goals?

SEAP+ implementation will take many forms, but, at its core, it will be guided by the feedback and efforts of three main groups of stakeholders.

- **SEAP Operations Team:** This is a team of City of Charlotte staff that come together to talk through SEAP+ goals and implementation while collaborating on efforts already being taken. This group met to kick off SEAP+ implementation in October and will continue to build out implementation guides over the next six months.
- **SEA-AC+:** This is the new advisory group envisioned to help focus on the communitywide implementation of the SEAP+. Applications have now been closed and are being evaluated for membership. All applicants should be notified in the coming month of their status, and this new group will be kicking off before the end of the calendar year.
- **SEAP+ Ambassadors:** The purpose of this group is to serve as enthusiastic champions of the SEAP+ by building awareness, excitement and community engagement around its goals. Ambassadors will act as trusted messengers, helping to share information, celebrate progress and inspire action across neighborhoods and networks. While the SEA-AC+ provides technical guidance and recommendations, the ambassadors will focus on outreach - encouraging participation, highlighting community successes, and fostering a sense of shared ownership in advancing the SEAP+ focus areas of Buildings, Energy Generation, Transportation, and Cross-Sectional strategies.

If you are interested in helping the City of Charlotte realize the SEAP+ goals but may not have the capacity to commit to the SEA-AC+, the SEAP+ Ambassadors group is looking for you! [Please consider signing up for the Ambassador's work team today!](#)

## News Stories

### Charlotte Business Journal's 2025 Best Places to Work Program

The Charlotte Business Journal's 2025 Best Places to Work Program, in partnership with the City of Charlotte Office of Sustainability and Resilience, introduced the Sustainability Award to honor organizations that exemplify the city's Strategic Energy Action Plan Plus (SEAP+) and demonstrate how sustainability drives business success. Seventy nominees were evaluated on criteria including published sustainability plans, employee engagement in energy-saving efforts, investments in clean energy technologies, formal energy management systems, and participation in local initiatives like Power Down the Crown. The 2025 Sustainability Award winners are:

- Small Business: Spectrum Center
- Medium Business: Elford Inc.
- Large Business: Optima Engineering
- Extra Large Business: Novant Health



### Solarize Charlotte-Mecklenburg: Last Chance for Lower Prices!

There's still time — but not much! Sign-ups have been **extended to Nov. 28** and prices just dropped. If you've been considering solar, this is your moment.

Solarize Charlotte-Mecklenburg makes going solar or adding battery storage more affordable for residents, businesses and nonprofits. Don't miss out on this limited-time opportunity to cut energy costs, boost resilience and invest in clean energy for your home or organization. All installations are completed by **RENU Energy Solutions**, a vetted and competitively selected installer you can trust. [Click here to learn more!](#)

## Related Events and Opportunities

### Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services events

**Nov. 11, 10 a.m. to noon, Live Stake Collection at 2653 Laburnum Ave., Charlotte, NC 28205**

Explore livestaking for streambank restoration and observe its progress at Chantilly Ecological Sanctuary. Join Storm Water Services Tuesday, Nov. 11, from 10 a.m. to noon at Briar Creek. We'll collect over 3,000 live stakes for Creek ReLeaf 2025. Be prepared for thick brush and uneven terrain. Knee boots or waders are essential. All supplies, including waders and pruners, will be provided.

[Live Stake Collection - Chantilly | Mecklenburg County Volunteer Program](#)

**Nov. 15, 9–11 a.m., Tree Pruning Workshop and Arboretum Tour at Tuckaseegee Arboretum & Gardens (701 Tuckaseegee Road, Charlotte, NC 28208)**

Join City of Charlotte Landscape Management for a free tree pruning workshop and tour of Tuckaseegee Arboretum & Gardens (TAG). Space is limited, so sign up today! Attendees can expect expert demonstrations, winter tree tips and an arboretum tour. You'll need to bring sturdy, comfortable shoes; gloves; sunscreen; and a hat. Water and snacks will be provided. The RSVP deadline is Friday, Nov. 14, at 5 p.m. The City of Charlotte is committed to inclusivity, so contact [Vicki Aguilar](#) for accommodations.

[Tree Pruning Workshop & Arboretum Tour](#)

**Nov. 15, 10 a.m. to noon, Greatest American Cleanup: NC Community Clean Up Day at 2023 Beatties Ford Road, Charlotte, NC 28216**

SOL Nation, the West Boulevard Neighborhood Coalition and the city's Corridors of Opportunity program are uniting with communities across North Carolina for the Greatest American Cleanup. This statewide initiative is dedicated to beautifying and sustaining our communities. Volunteers will participate in a day of action to remove litter, foster neighborly connections and enhance local spaces. To show appreciation for their collective impact and community care, the Corridors of Opportunity team will provide lunch for all participants.

[Greatest American Cleanup: NC Community Clean Up Day](#)

**Nov. 15, 11 a.m. to noon, Envirothon Training: Aquatic Ecology (Virtual)**

This virtual training offers an excellent opportunity to expand participants' knowledge of aquatic ecology, preparing them for Envirothon. The presentation will cover aquatic ecology, including biotic and abiotic components of freshwater systems, food webs, and the identification of native species.

[Envirothon Training: Aquatic Ecology \(Virtual\) | Mecklenburg County Volunteer Program](#)



**Nov. 22, 9 a.m. to noon, Creek ReLeaf at Mallard Creek Greenway (201 E. Mallard Creek Church Road, Charlotte, NC 28262)**

The Creek ReLeaf Program is a collaborative effort of the Charlotte Public Tree Fund, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services, the North Carolina Wildlife Federation, and our dedicated volunteers and financial supporters to plant trees in riparian areas (floodplain and stream buffers) of Mecklenburg County. You can sign up for the 2025 program now. Donations help purchase trees and support planting events.

Volunteers will plant seedlings and install protective measures like weed mats, tree tubes and stakes. [The Creek ReLeaf Program](#)

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